

PLANES FOR UKRAINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise today with a very simple message: Those who believe that if we leave the world alone, the world will leave us alone are entirely wrong.

Madam Speaker, the world would find its way to our door as it has done so now with Ukraine.

I had the honor of hearing the President of Ukraine speak this morning, and if there is something I came away with without question it is this: It is that this war is about more than Ukraine. It is about freedom-loving people wherever they may be. It is about people who will not tolerate seeing women and babies being killed live on television. It is about a belief that if you can do something to end an injustice, you have to do it.

This is why I rise today to say, Madam Speaker, that if there is a vote for planes for Ukraine, I will vote to support planes for Ukraine. And I will do so because I believe that this is needed for their defense.

While some would say: But the defense currently would not be planes because they don't have to fight planes—that they are using long-range projectiles to bomb Ukraine—my point is this: Let's not wait until the skies over Ukraine have been darkened with Russian planes before we send the help that they need.

I don't mind the world knowing that we are part of this. I don't think we can allow a standard to be set such that in the future the precedent is if you send in planes you are escalating. I think if we send in planes, we are meeting the challenge that is necessary to defend Ukraine.

Again, those who believe that if we leave the world alone it will leave us alone are entirely wrong. This is about liberty and justice for all; government of the people, by the people, and for the people of Ukraine and the rest of us as well. This is about freedom-loving people wherever they may be.

If there is a vote for planes, then I will vote for planes for Ukraine.

THE ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, when I travel around the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia, folks regularly share their struggles with me in the face of President Biden's inflation crisis, economic crisis, and energy crisis.

They tell me that their hearts sink when they check out at the grocery store and see the price on the screen tick well past what they used to pay to feed their families. They tell me they dread going to the gas station because every time they drive by, they see

prices getting higher and higher. They pray their car doesn't break down because they can't afford to fix it or replace it given the rise in the cost of car parts.

They worry about their kids hitting a growth spurt because new clothes are just getting too expensive. And they tell me the disappointment they felt when they let their kids know that the vacation they had been looking forward to had to be canceled or scaled back because the rising cost of flying and lodging made it nearly impossible.

Madam Speaker, folks in rural parts of this country are struggling, and 40-year high inflation rates serve as a tax on all Americans. It is unacceptable that the soaring price of goods cost the average family \$3,500 last year.

If Members of Congress truly want to provide relief to their constituents, then they must rein in spending and cut taxes to get our country's economy back on track.

CAVE SPRING BASKETBALL

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cave Spring High School boys' basketball team from Roanoke, Virginia, for winning this year's class 3 State championship. Following a near perfect season, the Cave Spring Knights were crowned sole State champions this year after being named co-winners with Lakeland in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

From the moment last week's final tipped off against the Petersburg Crimson Wave, it was a great showing from both teams.

After an impressive second-half comeback by Petersburg, Cave Spring was down by 2 with only 1 minute and 45 seconds left on the clock. A quick Knight's basket tied the game, and the Crimson Wave took possession as the seconds passed by. But a timely steal by Cave Spring's senior guard, Owyn Dawyot, gave the Knights one last chance.

As Dawyot headed toward the basket, he was fouled sending him to the free-throw line with just 3 seconds left. After missing the first shot, the pressure was on, but he kept his cool and made the second shot for the final score of the game.

The Knights prevailed, winning 76-75, marking the program's fifth State title and the second under Coach Jacob Gruse.

Congratulations to Cave Spring on this hard-fought win. It was well-earned.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WINSOME SEARS

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Women's History Month, we recognize the list of women who have contributed to moving the United States forward over the past 244 years.

I rise today to recognize one trailblazer in particular, Virginia's current Lieutenant Governor, Winsome Sears. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Lieutenant Governor Sears moved to the United States at the age of 6 and has since dedicated her life to serving others and her country.

Outside of politics, she ran a homeless shelter, provided ministry to prisoners, and spent 3 years wearing our Nation's uniform in the Marine Corps. It was also an honor to serve with Lieutenant Governor Sears in the Virginia House of Delegates.

Since entering public office, Lieutenant Governor Sears has served as a Presidential appointee to the United States Census Bureau, as a distinguished member of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as the vice president of the Virginia State Board of Education, and, as I mentioned, as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly.

Upon her swearing-in on January 15 of this year, she became the first female veteran to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and the first Black woman to hold statewide office in the Commonwealth.

We applaud the Lieutenant Governor's lifelong accomplishments and thank her for her service to her community, her Commonwealth, and her country.

HONORING ROSA LUCAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader in public health, an exceptional community advocate, my constituent, and my friend, Rosa Lucas.

I first met Rosa during my freshman year at UCLA in 1991 while I was working at a farmworker health clinic. Ever since, I have admired her integrity, humility, selflessness, and passion for justice.

Rosa's story begins in Los Angeles, California, December 7, 1945. She spent her childhood in Beverly Hills before studying at UCLA-Berkeley and UCLA. In 1968, she graduated UCLA with her bachelor's in Spanish languages and literature. Shortly after, Rosa launched her career as a charge nurse of neurosurgical intensive care at the UCLA Health Sciences Center, eventually leading her to become a certified nurse practitioner in 1975.

Ten years later, she settled in our desert and began her work in the Coachella Valley.

Throughout her career, Rosa has worked to serve the poor, the marginalized, and the underserved. She has provided care to those most in need at rural and farmworker clinics like El Progreso del Desierto, Santa Rosa Del Valle Medical Group, Desert Hot Springs Arthritis and Medical Clinic, and the Borrego Springs Community Health Foundation. Now she works for Eisenhower Health Urgent Care Centers.

Rosa truly embodies what it means to think globally and act locally. She has devoted her life to addressing health disparities in our valley and has made it her goal to expand access to healthcare for our most vulnerable.